

**LA FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL
LaFayette, New York 13084**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Board Meeting
June 26, 2014 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the LaFayette Board of Education was held on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at the Jr./Sr. High School LGI. President Scofield called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Present were: Trustees Akl, Dodge, Keefe, Whitney, Sofranko and LaCava. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tigh, School Business Official Nesbitt, Onondaga Nation Representative Jacques, and Board Clerk Munnell. Others in attendance were: Administrators Laura Lavine, Greg Bump, Jen Blossey, Susan Osborn, Diane Ellsworth. Also attending were: Donald Dodge, Linda Callahan, Tim Baker, David Stablein, Donna Knapp, Shannon Knapp, Sean Zehner, Kaitlyn Dodge, Don Neugebauer, Betty Lyons, Karen Hart, Anne Courtwright, Nicole Rookey, Zach Anthony, Virginia Abrams, Denise Dodge, McKenzie Harris, Theresa Miller, Heath Carroll, Karen Ann Rosinsky, Jamie Jones, Frank Warner, Tom Turner, Matt Coulter, Lori Hart, Jonathan McNeal, Tina Poplawski, Nancy Hummel, Joseph Fox, Odenhaida Rockwell, Mary Ellen Long, Carole Dwyer, Mitchel Dadey, Gretchen Gretskey, Gwen Jerome, Serena Schrader, Patty Hartnett, Mark Young, Tiana Poplawski, Mackenzie McElhannon, Linda Spelder, Jeff Spelder, Kathy Butkins, Carolyn Bice, Bobbi Turner, Don Maines, Donna Maines, Christine Foti-Cromley, Jim Cromley, Patty Kenney, Erin Oristian, Cierra Oakes, John Schaefer, Jr., Ann Schaefer, Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz, Sarah Dadey, Julia Dadey, Erin Virnoche, Danielle LeoGrande, Jenny Spelder, Daniel Prince, James Hart, Kay Hart, Paul Hart, John Carroll, Randy Azamakis, Dave Knapp, Maria Brothers, Karen Mongellow, Ellen Coulter, Paul Ellis, Krista Kramak, Beverly Oliver

II. Pledge of Allegiance – President Scofield led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Opening Remarks – President Scofield stated that our hearts go out to Susan Hill, who was scheduled to graduate on Saturday. There was an animal attack on the Nation and Suzy heroically saved her little brother. They are both hospitalized along with other family members. A moment of silence for the family. There will be a short Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting to discuss Policy 1730 f matters. He also stated that a representative from CNYSSBA, Don Neugebauer, was here to thank outgoing Trustees Patti Sofranko and Ronda Akl for their years of service.

IV. District Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation – Don Neugebauer, a representative from CNYSSBA, came to thank Patti Sofranko and Ronda Akl for their years of service on the school Board of Education. He also explained there are two roles of the schools boards association: 1. To help support school boards to be the best they can be and 2. They are a part of the statewide school finance consortium.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Minutes – June 12, 2014, with amendments

Motion by Trustee LaCava, Seconded by Trustee Dodge

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 1 (Trustee Sofranko)

VI. Executive Session On the recommendation of President Scofield, a motion was made by Trustee Akl, seconded by Trustee Sofranko to enter into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0 Absent – 0

A motion to come out of Executive Session by Trustee Akl and seconded by Trustee Sofranko at approximately 6:02 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 7 No – 0 Absent – 0

President Scofield read a resolution to appoint Laura Lavine as the Superintendent of Schools to a 4-year contract.

A motion to approve the request was made by Trustee Akl, seconded by Trustee Sofranko

Motion carried: Yes – 4 (Scofield, Keefe, Akl, Sofranko) No – 3 (LaCava, Dodge, Whitney)
Absent – 0

- V. Oral Communications: Community Connections: Nicole Rookey, Prevention Network, a Teen Institute Representative, spoke about the program and that LaFayette High School has been a part of the program for close to 20 years. The program trains and empowers youth to choose healthy lifestyles. It teaches students to give back to their peers in a positive way. There is an annual conference and LaFayette did not have a team attend last year. Zachary Anthony, Senior, was involved in Teen Institute since 9th grade. He was disappointed that there wasn't a team from LaFayette this year. He felt he didn't have the support from the administration. He would like the program reinstated next school year. Feels it is important to students.
- VII. Old Business - Grimshaw Elementary Principal Greg Bump presented information regarding PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports). PBIS's goal is to improve school culture and increase positive behaviors. How do we increase behaviors we want and how do we decrease behaviors we don't want? A training is scheduled for Friday, June 27, 2014 at the Jr./Sr. High School for employees. It is to help create a systemic, school-wide approach. A design team will meet following the training and will update the Board on the developments.
- VIII. New Business – Superintendent Tigh reported on the Onondaga Nation School 4th grade teacher modules from the Common Core based on the Haudensaunee. When the staff looked over the modules, they found a lot of inaccuracies. They have been working with SED to rectify this problem. Today, a videographer went to the school to create an accurate module. Superintendent Tigh wanted to thank: the Onondaga Nation Leadership, Principal Ellsworth, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Cowling, and the staff and students at the Onondaga Nation School for their participation and patience.
- IX. Superintendent's Report
On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh to approve Items A 1-16, with the removal of item 4, a motion made by Trustee LaCava, seconded by Trustee Sofranko:
- A. Board Action Items - Consent
1. Approval of Treasurer's Report – May 2014
 2. Approval of Budget Transfers as of June 26, 2014
 3. Approval for Superintendent to Authorize Budget Transfers through 6/30/14
 4. ~~Approval of Resolution for Consultant - removed~~
 5. Approval of Agreement for Secretary of Superintendent
 6. Approval of Agreement for Payroll/Human Resources-Account Clerk II
 7. Approval of Agreement for District Treasurer
 8. Approval of Health Services for F-M District-Private/Parochial Students-2013-2014
 9. Approval of Policy 7670 Due Process Complaints: Selection and Board Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers – 2nd Reading
 10. Approval of Policy 8140 Multi-Cultural Programs – 2nd Reading
 11. Approval of Policy 3411-Unlawful Possession of a Weapon upon School Grounds – 1st Reading
 12. Approval of Policy 7360-Weapons in School and the Gun-Free Schools Act-1st Reading
 13. Approval of CSE-CPSE Recommendations
 14. Approval of Transportation Change for Private/Parochial students
 15. Approval of New Employment Agreement for Superintendent
 16. Approval of Health Services for J-D District-Private/Parochial Student-2013-02014

On the recommendation of Superintendent Tigh to approve Items B 1a-2a-c, a motion made by Trustee Sofranko, seconded by Trustee Keefe:

B. Personnel

1. Appointment – 2013-2014
 - a. Substitute - #8
2. Appointment – 2014-2015
 - a. Instructional - #4
 - b. Non-Instructional - #3
 - c. Clerical - #1
 - d. Co-Curricular - #1

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 1 (Dodge)

C. Board Non-Action Items

1. Fund Balance Management Plan - School Business Official Nesbitt handed out and explained the purpose and how the fund balance is created along with why we need a fund balance. She summarized by stating the districts finance committee will continue to meet regularly throughout the school year.

D. Communications - None

E. Calendar Review

It was communicated that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office for the annual reorganizational meeting and graduation for the Jr./Sr. High School will be Saturday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m.

X. Financial Reports – FYI – As of May 2014

- A. Budget Status
- B. Cash Flow
- C. Claims Auditor's Report
- D. Warrants – 7H, 17F, 18R, 28A

XI. Executive Session - None

- XII. Closing Remarks – Some community members voiced their opinions regarding the process by which the superintendent's contract was presented. Opinions were also voiced regarding bullying. Board President Scofield explained the resolution pertaining to the superintendent's contract and Ms. Lavine's qualifications. In addition, he explained why a four-year contract is in the District's best interest. Regarding the bullying, he indicated that a new committee has met, a new Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) program is underway and that other initiatives are being implemented.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Sofranko and seconded by Trustee Akl at approximately 7:33 p.m.

Motion carried: Yes - 7 No – 0 Absent – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Munnell, Board Clerk